

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY



### SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

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SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ANNOUNCES AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR

#### **SCHOOL TRUANCY COORDINATOR-PT**

#### **EXAMINATION# 61424**

**SCHOOL TRUANCY COORDINATOR-PT** -Saratoga County. The results of the exam will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Saratoga County Personnel Department.

**SALARY:** 18.9054/hr

**LAST DAY TO FILE IS OCTOBER 28, 2015:**

**DATE OF THE EXAMINATION IS DECEMBER 5, 2015:**

**NOTICE: RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS-HANDICAPPED PERSONS:** If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

**RESIDENTS:** Candidates must have been legal residents of New York State for at least FOUR months immediately preceding the date of the test. Pursuant to subdivision 4a of Sec. 23 of the Civil Service Law, preference may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality to which the appointment is to be made for at least FOUR months preceding the date of the written test.

**APPLICATION FEE** An examination fee of **\$10.00** (residents and non-residents) is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. **Check or money order only.** \$20 returned check fee. **Please make checks payable to the Saratoga County Treasurer's Office.** The \$10 fee is non-refundable. You are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission stated in the "minimum qualifications" section of the examination announcement and file for only those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

**APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. A copy of this document can be obtained from the Saratoga County Personnel office as well as online at [www.saratogacountyny.gov](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov).**

#### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:**

The school truancy program coordinator is responsible for the identification of parents/guardians of truant students who, for reasons within their control, grossly fail to show proper and prudent interest in their children's school attendance. The incumbent meets with school district officials along with attendance supervisors in cases where parents are not sending their children to school to execute a plan of action. This position provides information and referrals about community based groups as well as social service agencies that can provide financial, physical emotional and material assistances to these families.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or university with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology, Public Administration, Social Work or related Human Services Degree or a closely related field
- B. Graduation from a regionally accredited or NYS registered college or university with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology, Public Administration, Social Work or related Human Services Degree or a closely related field and two (2) years experience in counseling or casework.
- C. Any equivalent combination of training and experience as described in the limits of (a) and (b) above.

**The written test will be designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:**

1. Preparing written material-These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

2. Situations and problems in supervising and counseling delinquent and/or socially maladjusted youth-These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices of supervising and counseling delinquent and socially maladjusted youth. Questions may cover such topics as interviewing, counseling, supervising, and guiding youth with social adjustment problems; crisis intervention; handling emergencies; and working with staff, agencies, and families in supervising and guiding socially maladjusted youth.

3. Working with youth-These questions test for the knowledge and abilities needed to work with youth and their problems. Questions may cover such topics as normal and abnormal adolescent behavior and development, youth perspectives and points of view, environmental factors and effects, establishing rapport with youth, problems of alcohol and drug use/abuse, teenage pregnancy, and delinquency.

The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication "How to take a written test" helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm)

**ELIGIBLE LIST:** A candidate's eligibility begins when his or her name is placed on the eligible list and continues for a minimum of one year.

**NOTICE TO CANDIDATES:** "UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED, CANDIDATES ARE PERMITTED TO USE QUIET, HAND-HELD, SOLAR OR BATTERY POWERED CALCULATORS." Devices with 'Typewriter Keyboards,' 'Spell Checkers,' 'Personal Digital Assistants,' 'Address Books,' 'Language Translators,' 'Dictionaries,' or any similar devices are **prohibited**.

**SECTION 243-b** Provides that any member of the armed forces of the United States who had duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination, but was deprived of the opportunity to compete in a scheduled competitive examination due to active military duty be provided with a special military makeup examination.

**SECTION 85a OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW:** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**VETERAN CREDITS:** For the purpose of claiming veteran credits on a Civil Service examination, an applicant must have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following periods:

- World War II – December 7, 1941 to and including December 31, 1946
- Korean War – June 27, 1950 to and including January 31, 1955
- Vietnam Conflict – February 28, 1961 until May 7, 1975
- Lebanon – June 1, 1983 – December 1, 1987
- Grenada – October 23, 1983 – November 21, 1983
- Panama – December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
- Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 to the end of such hostilities (not yet determined)

For hostilities in Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama, the individual **must** have received the Armed Forces, Navy, or Marine Corps expeditionary medal.

Beginning January 1, 1998, the NYS Constitution allows members of the US Armed Forces who are on active duty (other than for training purposes) the right to request **extra War Time Veterans Credits** on civil service examinations prior to discharge.

If you are currently on active duty, you may request the addition of veteran's credits to your examinations score. You must request the extra credits on your examination application in the space provided. If you pass the examination, the credits will be added automatically. To use the extra credits at the time of appointment you must have received an honorable discharge, be a US citizen, and be a resident of New York State. The extra credits can only be used for one NY local Government permanent appointment.

**SECTION 23.2:** This entire examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations which deal with the rating of examinations will apply.

**APPLICATIONS:** You may get application forms by writing or down loading from our website at [www.saratogacountyny.gov](http://www.saratogacountyny.gov), or phoning 518-885-2225 or by calling in person at the Saratoga County Personnel Department, 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

**Time and place of the examination will be mailed to approved candidates one week before the date of the examination.**

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